



# High Plains WARRIOR

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## News briefs Road closure

The main gate and 2nd Avenue North from 57th Street to the main gate is closed from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The 819th RED HORSE Squadron is removing the topsoil from the islands on 2nd Avenue North and 57th Street to the main gate. There will be a 341st Security Forces Squadron patrol at the intersection of 2nd Avenue North from 57th Street to allow residents and other authorized traffic onto 2nd Avenue North during the construction. All other traffic needs to detour to the back gate from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call MSgt Ted Baker at 731-4811.

Also, a partial road closure to place a new storm drain system is Wednesday through June 20 on 76th Street between 1st Avenue North and Goddard Drive. One way traffic will be allowed to travel west toward Goddard Drive on 76th Street. Directional road signs and barricades will be in place. Call Bob Lajoie at 731-6365.

## Base housing residents

Base housing residents are being asked to keep up with the following list of housing maintenance requirements.

The list includes:

- Ensure lawns are mowed, edged and watered,
- Remove grass/weeds from sidewalk curb joints, and in front and back of garages,
- Follow all housing regulations listed or not.

Individual attention to detail ensures Malmstrom remains clean and presentable at all times.

**Nuclear Surety and  
Operational Readiness  
Inspections start in three days.**

Team Malmstrom salutes deployed  
personnel and their families

39 personnel in seven operations  
*Current as of Monday*

## WARRIOR WEATHER

Today	Saturday	Sunday
30%	50%	70%
80/44 F	72/49 F	67/48 F

## MSgt, TSgt lists hit Wing One

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC)** – The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant. This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's already record showing of 27.64 percent.

The Air Force released the master and technical sergeant promotion lists the first duty hour Thursday. The complete list of selectees becomes available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil) by close of business today.

"This year's promotion announcement kicks off a great summer season for more than 19,000 of the Air Force's finest NCOs," said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Never in our history has there been a better opportunity for highly qualified individuals to earn that next stripe."

As evidenced by the record setting technical sergeant promotion rate and the high selection percentage to master ser-

geant, advancement opportunity abounds for those willing to put forth the effort both on their jobs and while preparing for promotion exams, officials added.

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are partly a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," said center officials. "The primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of 'Top Five' NCOs, previously at 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, now headed toward 56 percent over the next few years."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in mid-June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts. These score notices allow members to know how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they're directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 348.20 points based on the following:

- 134.20 Enlisted Performance Reports



Photo by A1C Jeff Hamm

Col James Eken, 341st Space Wing vice commander, and Command CMSgt Mark Silliman, 341st SW, congratulate SSgt Shelli Martin, 341st SW, on her promotion to technical sergeant Wednesday.

- 71.72 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 65.63 Specialty Knowledge Test

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## Inspections

## Malmstrom readies for ORI, NSI

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Everyone at Team Malmstrom has been preparing for the upcoming three phase Nuclear Surety, Operational Readiness and Compliance inspections from Monday

through June 25 in an effort to show that the wing is well prepared to accomplish its mission.

The inspection will give the wing an opportunity to show the Air Force why it is Wing One

and demonstrate how the wing it better than anybody, said Lt Col Rodney Jackson, chief of plans and programs. "It's showtime."

The Nuclear Surety Inspection, required every 18 months, will take place during the first four or five days of the inspection, and will ensure the wing can safely operate and

maintain its nuclear capabilities.

The Operational Readiness Inspection will test the wing's ability to generate its missile force to alert status and look at how it operate when asked to deploy forces and support conventional war fighting operations.

During the ORI, both the deployment and employment phase of operations will be looked at as the wing demonstrate warfighting competency. The wing will demonstrate its ability to do basic task skills such as establish

patrols, repair runways and account for personnel in the field as well as personal competency in such areas as self aid and buddy care.

During the Ability to Survive and Operate or ATSO phase of the ORI, the wing will demonstrate its ability to accom-

plish the mission under stressful conditions as well as its ability to recover and, most importantly, take care of its injured. Areas to be looked at during this phase include search and recovery operations and hazardous spill clean up.

The third phase of the inspection, the Compliance Inspection, looks at the 341st's ability to comply with federally mandated items, common core criteria and special-interest items.

Environmental laws, intelligence programs, and transition assistance programs and the wing's ability to comply with the laws regarding those programs will be looked at. Communication and computer systems will also be inspected as the wing demonstrates that it has the proper protection for its software and have employed anti-virus and firewall defenses against outside threats to critical C4 systems.

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"I'm confident in Team  
Malmstrom's ability...  
during this inspection."

Col Tom Deppe  
341st Space Wing commander